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SUBJECT: F-104 REPLACEMENT - FINAL REPORT OF 4-COUNTRY CONSORTIUM

1. INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM HIGHLY RELIABLE SOURCES THAT THE FINAL REPORT OF THE CONSORTIUM HAS BEEN UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF ALL 4 COUNTRIES. MORE IMPORTANT, THE 15 PAGES REPORT PROVIDES AN IRREFUTABLE ADVANTAGE TO THE F-16 PARTICULARLY IN THE AREAS OF COST AND TECHNOLOGY. INTERESTINGLY, THE F-17 IS NOT EVALUATED IN THE REPORT. SOURCE TOLD MAAG OFFICER THAT REPORT LEFT LITTLE OR NO ROOM FOR A FRENCH DECISION. HOWEVER PROBLEMS ARE ARISING IN CERTAIN POLITICAL AREAS DUE TO INFLEXIBILITY OF REPORT. SOURCE STATED THAT THERE IS A GREATER PROBABILITY OF SELECTING A LESS EXPENSIVE AIRCRAFT OR EVEN TO DELAY THE DECISION TO AN INDEFINITE DATE THAN SELECTING

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A FRENCH AIRCRAFT. AT THIS TIME THE DUTCH DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH

MONEY IN THE BUDGET TO PURCHASE THE MORE EXPENSIVE FRENCH AIRCRAFT.

2. FRENCH APPARENTLY HAVE ACCESS TO INFORMATION IN THE REPORT. SEVERAL KEY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN THE NETHERLANDS HAVE RECEIVED A WRITTEN FRENCH ANALYSIS (FORWARDED SEPARATELY) ATTACKING U.S. PROPOSAL IN GENERAL AND SELECTED STATEMENTS IN THE STEEVING COMMITTEE REPORT. MAAG OFFICER HAS RECOMMENDED TO DUTCH MILITARY THAT SEC SCHRONTZ COME TO THE NETHERLANDS TO DISCUSS FACTUAL INFORMATION OF U.S. OFFER WITH KEY DUTCH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND "SET THE RECORDS STRAIGHT" IN LIGHT OF FRENCH ANALYSIS. RECOMMENDATION HAS RNLAFF'S APPROVAL AND HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH MINISTER VREDELING. MOD AGREES SHORNTZ VISIT MAY BE HELPFUL. HOWEVER, HE BELIEVES TIMING OF VISIT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE AND HAS STATED HE WILL SUGGEST AN APPROPRIATE DATE AS EARLY AS PRACTICABLE.

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